various States and reports submitted by the Relief Commissioner in the Ministry in this regard with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) In addition to normal release of two instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to all the States for the year 1993-94, Government of India had released the following amount in advance from CRF for immediate relief operations in the wake of recent floods:

State	Amount (Rs. in crores)
Punjab	21.00
Haryana	12.75
Bihar	13.125
Tripura	1.125

(b) In addition to deputing the Armed Forces for immediate rescue and relief operations in the flood affected areas, Government of India had also undertaken repairs/reconstruction of damaged infrastructure like National Highways, border roads, railway lines and power installations etc. in the flood affected areas.

(c) The Crisis Management Group took prompt and effective action on the requests of the various State Governments for Central assistance in carrying out rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures.

Assistance to A. P. Government to control drought condition

3327. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the A.P. Government submitted a memorandum to the Central Government seeking assistance of Rs. 645.44 crores for the year 1992-93 to meet severe drought conditions; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Central Team visited the State to assess the situation. Based on its recommendations Government of India had released two advance quarterly instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), amounting to Rs. 24.60 crores in addition to the normal release of the first quarterly instalment.

Crop Insurance Policy

3328. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent floods of North Bihar nearly two crores of rupees of crops have been totally devastated;

(b) if so, what special relief measures are being planned to give to the farmers for the loss of their crops by Government;

(c) whether Government also plan to bring out a crop insurance policy for natural calamities like flood & drought; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Govt. of Bihar has reported that the recent floods in the State damaged crop of an estimated value of Rs. 124.82 crores.

(b) The State Govt. has made arrangements for adequate quantity of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides. In order to enable the affected farmers to start the agricultural operations State Govt. has planned to provide agricultural loan in the shape of short term credit loan @ Rs. 5000/- per hec.

(c) and (d) An area based and crop linked Comprehensive Crop Insurance

Scheme is in operation in the various States of the country including Bihar w.e.f. 01-04-1985 with the objective of providing financial support to farmers in the event of crop failure, due to drought, floods etc. and to restore their credit eligibility for the next crop season.

Market Operations of NDDB

3329. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that market operations (purchase and sales) of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) are controlled by Empowered Committee on Oil Seed Policy through market intervention operation account;

(b) if so, whether NDDB is not free to influence market prices at its own and is also not responsible for the huge losses claimed by it and in such circumstances, whether Government are thinking to eliminate the services of Empowered Committee on Oil Seed Policy; and

(c) whether the Central Government are also taking any action on the recommendations of BICP on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) As per the terms and conditions for Market Intervention Operation (MIO) by NDDB, NDDB has full functional autonomy to achieve the objectives set under MIO which includes its market operations such as purchase and sale of oils and oilseeds. Therefore, the question of the Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy, which monitors the MIO controlling the market operation of NDDB does not arise.

(b) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

(c) There are no recommendations from BICP regarding MIO. However, at the instance of the Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy a four-member Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri P. V. Desai, Chairman, BICP had reviewed MIO. The Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy (ECOP) considered the divergent views expressed by the members of the Committee and recommended that the loss suffered by NDDB in MIO may be reimbursed after obtaining the approval of Government. ECOP has also recommended modified terms and conditions for MIO for FY 1993-94 limiting the Government's liability to reimburse the losses on MIO to NDDB.

Establishing Krishi Vigyan Kendras in remaining districts of A.P.

3330. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals for starting of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the remaining districts of A.P. and also for the establishment of Advance Training Centre at Extension Education Institute, Rajendra Nagar; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. However, no proposal for establishment of advance Training Centre at Extension Education Institute, Rajendra Nagar has been received.

(b) Efforts are being made to get additional funds for establishing new Krishi Vigyan Kendras in VIIIth Plan.